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(Same Memo to Under Secretary  
of State Lovett)**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE****Subject:** Candidate to head the "Special Operations" Group.

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1. [redacted] who has been head of the Special Procedures Group, under the provisions of NSC-4A, came to the Central Intelligence Agency after much pressure on our part and after we had received recommendations as to his ability from David Bruce and General Donovan. From his previous qualifications and from the work he has done while with the Special Procedures Group, I think he may be an entirely satisfactory person to take charge of the "special operations" as envisaged by NSC 10. A very brief biography of [redacted] follows:

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2. I should like very much for you to see and talk to Mr. [redacted] on the subject of special procedures, at your convenience, for not more than ten minutes before any names to serve in charge of the "special operations" are definitely decided upon.

Signed - Dispatched by hand 7/6/48

R. M. HILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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